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YOUR SPRING GARDEN

THE gaiety of the Spring garden is largely dominated by flowering bulbs. Without them our gardens would be but scantily adorned during April and the major part of May. "March winds and April showers, bring forth May flowers" is one of those doggerel rhymes dating back to the dim past and originating one knows not where or by whom, but it is fairly safe to surmise that the author had bulbous flowers largely in mind.

True we can, with our rock gardens and perennial borders, have some flowers before May is out, but none can match for brilliancy of color, easiness of culture and variety of form in a given area, the showing that Spring flowering bulbs provide. The majority of perennials, including rock plants, have to be established for an entire season if they are to bloom successfully and freely the following Spring and during that preparatory period they must have suitable soil, sunshine and care, including in cold districts, some little protection from severe frost. Spring flowering bulbs, however, when one plants in the Fall, have completed their cycle of growth; the embryo foliage and flower buds are already in the bulbs and all that is needed to ensure their blooming, is planting at the proper depth in fairly good soil that is not subject to flooding in Winter. Even if the position is naturally shaded by trees during the Summer, it matters little, for their blooming period will be over before the trees shut out all the sunshine. Some of the smaller bulbs, like the Snowdrop, will grow year after year in shade, but those that require a more open position to

ensure proper ripening and flowering in successive years, can be renewed annually without great expense.

And even if one dislikes the idea of having to renew every year, or if one plants in beds that have to be planted in June with other subjects before the bulb growths have ripened off, one may, if the bulbs are not set too deeply, lift them after flowering and replant them temporarily without damaging the tops, in some odd place until they ripen. Such lifted unripened bulbs may not equal newly bought, well grown bulbs, but they can be used in borders for cutting or general decorative purposes. Anyone with a limited pocketbook and a garden however small, in town or country, may, with a minimum of trouble and expense, have a varied display of Spring flowers during a period of six weeks or more, simply by planting bulbs any time between early October and late December, providing the soil is workable. Early planting is preferable as it ensures perfect rooting—some bulbs, including Snowdrops, Narcissi and Muscari, are naturally early rooters and do best if planted as soon as available, but if circumstances prevent early planting, all bulbs are amiable and will give worthwhile returns if planted as late as December, particularly late flowering Tulips and Hyacinths. The disadvantage of delaying purchase, however, is that late in the season, one may not find it easy to obtain any particular variety. Place your orders early and, having secured your bulbs, keep them in a cool, dry place until you are ready to plant.



Pink Hyacinth



Single Early Tulip

Consult us! We will be pleased to assist you in your selection of the proper bulbs for continuous blooming through the months of April and May.



Narcissus Leedsii

HYACINTHS

(Exhibition Size)

Our exhibition size Hyacinths are the “pick of the crop.” Large, selected, perfect bulbs ideal for forcing inside or equally effective when planted outdoors. These are excellent for grouping along the border or massed effects. **All following varieties, \$1.50 per doz., \$12.00 per 100**

Bismarck. A broad spike of beautiful light blue. One of the best varieties in this color for early forcing.

Grand Maitre. Deep porcelain blue. A very large, well formed spike on a strong stem. One of the most popular of all blue Hyacinths.

King of the Blues. Splendid dark blue. A well formed, very large spike, on a strong stem. Flowers of great substance. Excellent for bedding.

Lady Derby. Clear rose pink. The leading pot Hyacinth in this color.

L’Innocence. Pure white, broad, loose spike of elegant form, with very large, well shaped bells. Excellent for early forcing and for bedding. The most popular white Hyacinth.

Prince Henry. Clear yellow. A beautiful and handsome spike with large bells.

Queen of the Pinks. Splendid rosy pink. A sport of King of the Blues; one of the very best in this color. Excellent for late forcing or bedding.

Special Mixture Bedding Hyacinths. Contain all the above colors and many other varieties. \$1.25 per doz., \$10.00 per 100.

TULIPS

Darwin Tulips

Unquestionably the most popular and favored class of all Tulips is the Darwin. For graceful elegance, richness of color and superb beauty they are unsurpassed. Whether planted in groups throughout the border, massed in solid beds or used promiscuously among the shrubbery, Darwin Tulips afford the flower-lover an opportunity for effects seldom equaled by any other subject.

DARWIN TULIPS—Continued

Prince of Netherlands. 32 in. Deep cherry carmine. An enormous flower of great substance borne on a tall and strong stem. 75c. per doz., \$5.00 per 100.

Princess Elizabeth. 28 in. A large flower of perfect shape and stamina. Deep pink with white center; a most pleasing combination and much admired for its elegance. 60c. per doz., \$4.00 per 100.

Rev. H. Ewbank. 28 in. Vivid heliotrope lilac, lighter at the edge; a magnificent flower. Extremely beautiful forcer. 75c. per doz., \$5.00 per 100.

Scarlet Perfection. 26 in. Pretty vermilion scarlet, shaded rose; of great beauty and striking color. 75c. per doz., \$5.00 per 100.

Valentin. 24 in. Very attractive light violet with blue base. A most unusual and striking color. 75c. per doz., \$5.00 per 100.

William Copland. 25 in. A very attractive and delicate shade of lavender. One of the very best forcers. 60c. per doz., \$4.00 per 100.

William Pitt. 26 in. Very dark crimson, white base. A perfect forcing variety, supreme in the garden and invaluable for cutting. 75c. per doz., \$5.00 per 100.

Garden House Mixture of Darwins. A special selection of all the best colors and sterling qualities of the separate varieties of Darwins. 50c. per doz., \$3.00 per 100.

Single Early Tulips

Among the most desirable of all Tulips. Blooming the earliest in the Spring, they produce a dazzling display long before most outdoor flowers have commenced to show color.

General De Wet. 20 in. Orange yellow, flushed and striped deep orange. Sweet-scented and beautiful form. 80c. per doz., \$6.00 per 100.

Keizerskroon. 16 in. Bright crimson red, edged bright yellow, fine, large flower carried on a long stem. A most popular bedding Tulip and good forcer. 75c. per doz., \$5.00 per 100.

Lady Boreel. 13 in. A pure white, large flower of perfect shape. The finest white Tulip for bedding and excellent for pot forcing. 60c. per doz., \$4.50 per 100.

Mon Tresor. 13 in. Large and beautifully formed, pure yellow flower, carried on a strong stem. Early forcer and splendid for bedding. 80c. per doz., \$6.00 per 100.

Pink Beauty. 12 in. Beautiful vivid cherry rose, center of petals striped white; white base starred yellow. A Superb variety which has no equal yet as a bedder and late forcer. 80c. per doz., \$6.00 per 100.

Prince of Austria. 15 in. An enormous, beautifully formed, deep orange scarlet flower; delightfully scented. Highly recommended both for bedding and early forcing. 60c. per doz., \$4.00 per 100.

Proserpine. 13 in. Rich, silk carmine rose with white base. An enormous, deliciously scented flower. Early forcer and handsome bedder. 75c. per doz., \$5.50 per 100.

Double Early Tulips

Double Early Tulips bloom at the same time as the Single Early varieties and are equally as brilliant and showy for bedding purposes. Nothing finer for pot culture.

Breeder Tulips

Distinctly different in range of color from all other Tulips. Here we find a race of magnificent beauty composing pleasing combinations of subdued hues such as golden bronze, buff, salmon, and violet. Breeder Tulips are somewhat similar in form and grace to the Darwins and are adaptable to any type of planting.

Bronze Queen. 28 in. Medal bronzy brown, large flower, very fine out-of-doors and for forcing. 60c. per doz., \$4.00 per 100.

Cardinal Manning. 34 in. Enormous, egg-shaped flower; rosy violet, tinged salmon and bronze, yellow base. 75c. per doz., \$5.00 per 100.

Jaune d’Oeuf. 28 in. Yellowish bronzy brown, salmon lilac tinted. 60c. per doz., \$4.00 per 100.

Louis XIV. 34 in. Rich deep purplish violet, broadly margined golden bronze; large, dull blue base, starred yellow. A grand exhibition variety and most popular. 75c. per doz., \$5.00 per 100.

Velvet King. 30 in. Dark violet, remarkable shape, enormous flower; stem and foliage very strong. 75c. per doz., \$5.00 per 100.

Single Late, or Cottage Tulips

Among the Cottage Tulips will be found the best yellow varieties so rare in the other late Tulip classes. Their beauty is enhanced by the variance in the formation of the flowers; some egg-shaped and others with reflexing petals. Charming when used in the shrubbery border.

Inglescombe Yellow. 24 in. Bright canary yellow flower, sometimes showing a carmine margin. 50c. per doz., \$4.00 per 100.

Moonlight. 24 in. Splendid light canary yellow; long flower with outer petals reflexing at the tips. A great beauty and fine forcer. 75c. per doz., \$5.00 per 100.

Mrs. Moon. 24 in. A large, pure golden yellow flower of great beauty and substance. Fine for outdoor planting and late forcing. 75c. per doz., \$5.00 per 100.

Parrot Tulips

A beautiful race of Tulips with laciniated or fantastically cut petals, grotesquely marked and feathered with brilliant yellow and scarlet colors. We offer a **Mixture** of splendid color combinations. 60c. per doz., \$4.00 per 100.

Lily-flowering Tulips

This race of Tulips is the result of a cross between Tulipa retroflexa and a pink Darwin. They have beautifully reflexing flowers with tall, graceful stems, and bloom at the same time as the Darwins.

Sirene. 26 in. Rich cerise pink with white base. 75c. per doz., \$5.00 per 100.

Botanical Tulips

A distinctly different species of Tulips. Best for the rock garden or early Spring border.

Clusiana. 14 in. Rosy white flowers with a carmine flame on each petal. The inside is pure white with a large, deep purple center. 75c. per doz., \$5.00 per 100.

SPECIAL LAWN GRASS SEED

Don't gamble, play safe ! When preparing a new lawn or renovating an old one, use only the highest quality lawn seed to give you that rich, green, lasting turf. Only the purest seed, free from weeds and especially selected for their adaptability to Long Island soils are contained in our mixtures. **Sunnyside** and **Shadyside** are prepared to our own formula and sold exclusively by The Garden House.

SUNNYSIDE. “For sunny places.” Lb. 40c. 5 lbs. \$1.75, 10 lbs. \$3.25, 20 lbs. \$6.25, 100 lbs. \$30.00.

SHADYSIDE. “For shady places.” Lb. 50c., 5 lbs. \$2.25, 10 lbs. \$4.25, 20 lbs. \$8.25, 100 lbs. \$40.00.

NARCISSI

The Narcissi we offer are all Long Island grown and absolutely true to form and color. They are the ideal subjects for naturalizing in wooded borders, and for group planting and variety in the border the Narcissi afford the best opportunity for real diversified effectiveness.

Emperor. Petals deep primrose, broad at base, trumpet rich yellow. A large flower of remarkable substance. Fine for borders and forcing. \$1.10 per doz., \$8.50 per 100.

Firebrand. Creamy white, cup orange red, fine, fluted. A beautiful flower, rather small but one of the best for cutting, forcing and naturalizing. 90c. per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

King Alfred. One of the best of the yellow Trumpets. An enormous lasting golden yellow flower with deeply frilled trumpet, elegantly recurved at mouth. Fine for forcing and pot culture. \$1.75 per doz., \$12.00 per 100.

Sir Watkin. Large flower with broad yellow cup and primrose perianth. A sturdy grower and free bloomer. Splendid for naturalizing. \$1.10 per doz., \$8.50 per 100.

White Lady. A very free flowering variety, perianth white, a beautiful crinkled cup of pale canary yellow. An exceedingly handsome flower for naturalizing and cutting. 80c. per doz., \$6.00 per 100.

Double Campernelle. A delightfully scented, double flower of a bright yellow color. Fine for pot culture and borders. 80c. per doz., \$6.00 per 100.

Single Campernelle. A beautiful, deep yellow flower, broad perianth and cup. Splendid for cutting. 80c. per doz., \$6.00 per 100.

Victoria. Creamy white perianth with bold pure yellow trumpet. Fine for forcing and cutting. \$1.10 per doz., \$8.50 per 100.

Horace. Pure white perianth dark red cup. An elegant, sweet scented Poeticus type. 90c. per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

Polyanthus Narcissi

Delightfully fragrant flowers for indoor culture or forcing. Easily grown in shallow bowls with water and a few pebbles or fibre. Will bloom six weeks from time of planting.

Grand Soleil d’Or. Fine, rich dark yellow, orange cup. First size bulbs. \$1.00 per doz., \$8.00 per 100.

Paperwhite Grandiflora. Large and fragrant pure white flowers. The most popular and best known indoor variety. 50c. per doz., \$4.00 per 100.

MISCELLANEOUS BULBS

SCILLA SIBIRICA

The Siberian Scilla is a deservedly popular bulbous plant and is one of the easiest in cultivation. Grows 3 to 6 inches high and produces its profusion of lovely flowers early in March.

Sibirica. Bright blue sky. Very free grower which naturalizes easily. 50c. per doz., \$3.50 per 100.

Sibirica alba. The pure white form of Scilla sibirica. 60c. per doz., \$4.00 per 100.

SCILLA NUTANS

Also named Wood-hyacinths, or English Bluebells. They flower at the same time as the late Tulips. Height about 14 inches.

Nutans. Lovely light blue, very showy. 50c. per doz., \$3.50 per 100.

Alba Major. The largest pure white flower in this class. 60c. per doz., \$4.00 per 100.

Blush Queen. Large, pale rose flowers, sturdy grower and fine for cutting. 60c. per doz., \$4.00 per 100.

GALANTHUS (Snowdrops)

Well known, beautiful little Spring flowers. Extremely fine for naturalizing.

Elwesi. A large, pure white flower. Height 10 in. 50c. per doz., \$3.50 per 100.

MUSCARI (Grape-hyacinth)

Pretty Spring-flowering plants well adapted for border culture and naturalizing. They produce flower spikes thickly set with small, bell-like flowers and multiply rapidly from year to year.

Botryoides. A beautiful sky blue flower, sweet-scented, excellent for naturalizing. 35c. per doz., \$2.50 per 100.

Botryoides alba. A pure white variety; large flowers of good substance. 50c. per doz., \$3.50 per 100.

FREESIAS

A popular indoor flowering bulb. Will bloom freely in pots. Fragrant and very decorative.

Purity. Pure white, fragrant flowers on long, graceful stems. Extra size mammoth bulbs. 50c. per doz., \$3.00 per 100.

General Pershing. Wonderful lavender pink, fine, strong stems. 75c. per doz., \$5.00 per 100.

Golden Daffodil. A choice hybrid with immense flowers of soft Daffodil yellow. 75c. per doz., \$5.00 per 100.

HARDY LILIES

Hardy Lilies should be planted in the open ground as they are perfectly hardy. Will bloom from year to year, flowering during June, July and August.

Lilium candidum (Madonna Lily). Pure white and a great favorite. Large size bulbs. 25c. each, \$2.50 per doz., \$18.00 per 100.

Lilium auratum. The golden-banded Lily of Japan. Large, bell-shaped flowers thickly dotted with bristly maroon spots and marked by a showy bright yellow band down the center. They bloom in July and August. 35c. each, \$4.00 per doz., \$30.00 per 100.

Lilium speciosum album. Pure snowy white with a deep, emerald green crease at the base of each petal. 40c. each, \$4.50 per doz., \$35.00 per 100.

Lilium speciosum rubrum. White, shaded rose and spotted crimson. 40c. each, \$4.50 per doz., \$35.00 per 100.

Lilium regale. White, shading to brown and pink; yellow throat. 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz., \$25.00 per 100.



Purple Darwin Tulip



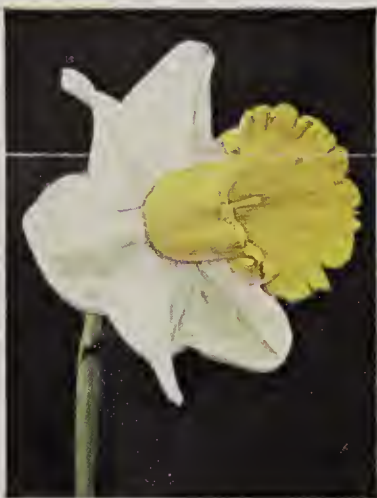
Single Early Tulip



Breeder Tulip



Violet Breeder Tulip



Trumpet Narcissus
White perianth



Trumpet Narcissus
Yellow perianth



Grape Hyacinth



Crocus



Scilla



Narcissus Poetaz

Popular Spring Bulbs

THE accompanying illustrations give but a faint idea of the variety of forms and colors to be found in Spring flowering hardy bulbs. The number of Tulips is legion, for, apart from the host of April flowering sorts, and the May blooming Cottage, Breeder and Darwin types, there are various species of extremely dainty character. Generally speaking, they all thrive in average garden soil, but rotted manure or bonemeal worked in below the bulbs, to avoid actual contact, will ensure finer blooms. This applies to bulbs generally. Tulips do well if covered 4 inches, but on lighter soil, 5 in. is better, and even if they are to remain undisturbed for several years, they may be planted even deeper, providing the soil is well drained. Deeply planted, they are less liable to frost injury and disease.

Hyacinths, like Tulips, love rich soil, provided the fertilizer is well below the bulbs. Eight inches or more of soil above them is recommended. At this depth they can be left alone for years. Narcissi or Daffodils are particularly averse to manure near them, but bonemeal well below the bulbs is appreciated. Planting 6 in. to 10 in. is advised for the larger sorts, especially if they are to be left unmolested. Deep planting checks the tendency to split up and at the same time ensures vigorous growth. Varieties producing small bulbs may be planted rather less deeply, but even the tiny species for rock gardens should be covered 4 inches.

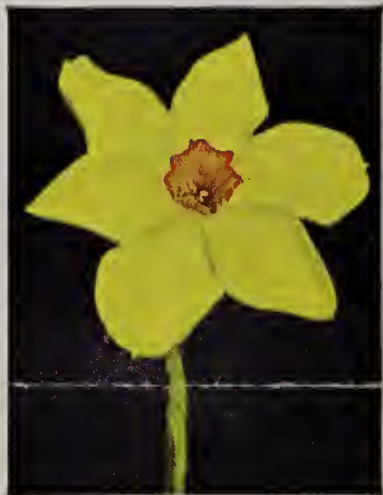
With these three families of bulbs one can be sure of much color from mid-April to end of May; but no garden is complete without some of the miscellaneous bulbs.

About the earliest to bloom is the Winter-aconite (*Eranthis hyemalis*), followed by the Snowdrop (*Galanthus*). The Grape-hyacinths (*Muscari*), white and blue; and Scillas, sibirica and sardensis, are April blooming, while *S. campanulata* blooms in May. *Chionodoxa luciliae* is another charming April subject, with blue and white flowers; while the Crocuses, which come in blue, white and yellow, are sure April bloomers.

If one yearns for more variety in the Springtime, *Iris reticulata*, in a sheltered dry corner, will flower in early March; while *I. filifolia* Wedgwood and Imperator, with the Spanish, Dutch and English types to follow, will run well into June. *Leucojum aestivum* or Snowflake; the several Camassias, blue and white; and *Brodiaea coccinea*, with its delightful firecracker-like flowers, are other late Spring subjects, while the Dogstooth Violets (*Erythroniums*) afford something uncommon for a shady situation.



Red Darwin Tulip



Narcissus Barri conspicuus